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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-26. (canceled)

27. (currently amended) The section claimed in claim 21 A plastics material section (10, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70) made by a method including a step of producing a thermoplastics material part (10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70) and at least one cycle of steps comprising:

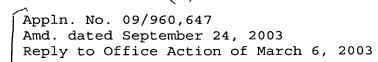
forming a localized opening through an area of said part which is of constant thickness,

heating said part locally by means of a heating probe (15, 32, 42, 52, 62, 72) so as to render said area of said part plastic, and

using a punch (15, 32, 42, 52, 62, 72) to modify the geometry of said area rendered plastic so as to delimit in said part a mechanically weakened area constituting a hole or hole precursor,

said section having a longitudinal succession of mechanically weakened areas forming holes or hole precursors,

wherein each mechanically weakened area is delimited by a contour formed by a succession of openings, and wherein said weakened area has an oblong section.--



28. (currently amended) The section claimed in claim 22 A plastics material section (10, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70) made by a method including a step of producing a thermoplastics material part (10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70) and at least one cycle of steps comprising:

forming a localized opening through an area of said part which is of constant thickness,

heating said part locally by means of a heating probe (15, 32, 42, 52, 62, 72) so as to render said area of said part plastic, and

using a punch (15, 32, 42, 52, 62, 72) to modify the geometry of said area rendered plastic so as to delimit in said part a mechanically weakened area constituting a hole or hole precursor,

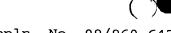
weakened areas forming holes or hole precursors,

wherein each mechanically weakened area is delimited by a

contour (74) formed by through-openings (71), and

wherein said weakened area has an oblong section.

29. (new) A plastic material section having a constant shape along a longitudinal direction, wherein said section has a longitudinal succession of hole precursors.



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30. (new) The section claimed in claim 29 wherein each hole precursor is a blind hole whose bottom is constituted by a continuous web.

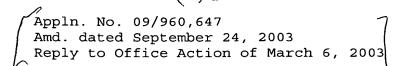
31. (new) The section claimed in claim 30 wherein the hole precursor has an oblong shape.

32. (new) An electrical wiring trunking including a cover and a base portion which is a length of a section according to claim 30.

33. (new) The section claimed in claim 29 wherein each hole precursor is a through-hole bordered by a peripheral web.

34. (new) The section claimed in claim 33 wherein the hole precursor has an oblong shape.

35. (new) An electrical wiring trunking including a cover and a base portion which is a length of a section according to claim 33.



- 36. (new) The section claimed in claim 29 wherein each hole precursor is an area delimited by a closed contour formed by a succession of blind openings.
- 37. (new) The section claimed in claim 36 wherein the hole precursor has an oblong shape.
- 38. (new) An electrical wiring trunking including a cover and a base portion which is a length of a section according to claim 36.
- 39. (new) The section claimed in claim 29 wherein each hole precursor is an area delimited by a closed contour formed by a succession of through-openings.
- 40. (new) The section claimed in claim 39 wherein the hole precursor has an oblong shape.
- 41. (new) An electrical wiring trunking including a cover and a base portion which is a length of a section according to claim 39.
- 42. (new) The section claimed in claim 29 wherein each hole precursor has an oblong shape.

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43. (new) An electrical wiring trunking including a cover and a base portion which is a length of a section according to claim 29.

44. (new) The section claimed in claim 29 wherein each hole precursor is an area delimited by a closed contour formed by a groove.

45. (new) An electrical wiring trunking including a base portion constituted by an elongated section provided with a longitudinal plurality of hole precursors adapted to receive fixation screws.

46. (new) An electrical wiring trunking including a base portion constituted by an elongated section provided with a longitudinal plurality of hole precursors constituting means for receiving fixation screws.